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By Joyce Barnathan

For the past eight years, American cartoonist Larry Feign has enlivened the pages of Hong Kong's *South China Morning Post* with his hard-hitting comic strip *The World of Lily Wong*. Sparing no one, Feign took on both Beijing's autocrats and Hong Kong's ineffectual British governor, Christopher Francis Patten. But recently, Feign was sacked at the *Post*. Editor-in-chief David Armstrong denies that political pressure played a role and says the strip was the victim of a cost-cutting drive—though the paper is one of the world's most profitable. Whatever the reason, Feign's departure has heightened con-



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cerns about the fate of Hong Kong's press after the Chinese takeover in 1997.

If such fears are realized, Hong Kong could be a big loser. One of the reasons that so many international business executives have their offices in Hong Kong is to gain access to the flow of vital information on China. But that attraction could fade if Beijing shows little tolerance for negative press coverage. "If the rest of the world begins to perceive Hong Kong as just another Chinese city, then why do business in Hong Kong?" says one Hong Kong economist.

The battle over freedom of the press and information flows that is looming in Hong Kong will probably be played out in one form or another throughout the region. As Asia modernizes, demand is building in the growing middle class for

more accurate information and more accountable government. Wide-open access to information is also increasingly essential for business. But moves toward more liberty are threatening to authoritarian governments that worry about losing control.

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Hong Kong seems to be backtracking on what is permissible in public discourse at an inopportune time. Although they still offer less freedom than Hong Kong, the city's rivals for investment and status show signs of opening up. Taiwan, for instance, is experiencing an explosion in independent media. It now has more than 200 cable-TV stations, more than 30 unofficial radio stations, and scores of nongovernment news-

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Taiwanese Official Tells OPC Crowd: "We've Become Very Democratic"

Taiwanese government spokesman Jason Hu told a packed gathering of reporters May 31 that his country wants to escape international isolation imposed by Beijing and play a greater role in world affairs.

Hu argued that Taiwan and its 21 million people have undergone a "quiet revolution" since 1986. "We've become very democratic, and economically we are prosperous and developed," he said. "We feel more confident in our policy toward mainland China and the rest of the international community."



Jason Hu

Hu's appearance, organized by the OPC and held at the Tudor Hotel in New York, drew a sell-out crowd. Members and guests representing *Time*, *Newsweek*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Business Week*, NBC and other top organizations turned out, questioning Hu on the impending visit of Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui to the United States.

The event also attracted foreign television coverage from Japan and Taiwan, as well as Chinese-language newspapers such as *The Commons Daily* and *World Journal*.

It was a particularly dramatic appearance because the Tudor is located in the shadow of the United Nations, which has turned down Taiwan's requests to re-enter.

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Press Abuses Condemned in Mexico, 3 African Nations

By Norman A. Schorr
and Dinah Lee

Shutdown of a radio station in Mexico. Arrests over reporting on the "secret" wedding of Zimbabwe's president and his former private secretary. Murder of four journalists in Algeria. Censorship in Cameroon.

These were some of the challenges to press freedom that drew written protests from the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee in May.

■ In Mexico, broadcasts in indigenous languages were condemned for allegedly transmitting "coded messages" promoting violence among indigenous communities. The broadcasts led to the shutdown of *Radio Huayacocotla*, a short wave radio station which had served the Veracruz Sierra community in Mexico for 30 years.

The OPC called on Mexico's President Zedillo to give the station reasonable time to correct the seemingly technical violations "to end growing suspicions that the station was silenced for political reasons."

■ In Algeria, four journalists were murdered in May, bringing to 13 the number killed this year, and to 41 assassinated since May 1993. The list of recent victims includes:

■ Malika Sabour, 22, cultural reporter for the independent Arabic-language weekly, *Echourouk al-Arabi*;

■ Mourad Hmaizi, 30, a reporter for Algeria's state TV station;

■ Azzedine Saidj, editor-in-chief of the now-defunct weekly *El Ouma*;

■ Bakhti Benaouda, an academic who was a frequent contributor to the government-run daily *El Djoumhouria* and other local and international periodicals.

The Armed Islamic Group (GIA) which, in its fight to topple Algeria's military-backed regime, has targeted for extinction journalists, teachers and other professionals, has claimed responsibility for murders of at least 26 journalists.

The OPC message sent to the country's president, Liamine Zerouar, pointed out that Algeria's government has done a great deal to obstruct the work of journalists. This obstruction has taken the form of newspaper suspensions, bans on independent coverage of security developments, arrests of independent journalists and other measures to censor and control the press."

The OPC called on Algeria to investigate the four murders and to respect and protect journalists as noncombatants "so they can do their job free from harassment and physical danger."

■ In Zimbabwe, criminal defamation charges were brought against these three leading journalists who were arrested: Elias Rusiki, publisher and managing director of *Modus Publica-*

tions, Trevor Noubé, editor of the independent weekly *Financial Gazette*, and Simbarashe Makunike, deputy editor of the *Gazette*.

The arrests were prompted by a *Gazette* story which reported that the country's Public Construction and Housing Minister had acted as a witness to a secret wedding ceremony between Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe and his former private secretary.

The country's officials involved denied the report. But the *Gazette* stood by its story, and the OPC asked President Mugabe to drop the criminal proceedings.

■ In Cameroon, resurgence of press censorship — despite the government's 1994 pledge that censorship provisions in the country's 1990 "laws on freedom" would be lifted — drew a vigorous OPC protest.

Cameroon has continued mandatory pre-publication censorship of all print media, as well as suspension and seizures of newspapers. In May, these policies led to the suspension of *Perspectives Hebdo*, the arrest of *Galaxie* publisher Patrice Ndedi Penda, and government seizures of *Le Messenger* and *Le Messenger Popoli*.

The OPC urged Cameroon's president to end "the increased censorship and harassment of journalists," and return to a prior period of "greater tolerance of press freedom."

Norman Schorr and Dinah Lee co-chair the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee.

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OPC Panel Reports on Japan's WWII POWs

At an OPC forum June 22, two American veterans joined a panel of experts in discussing Japan's plans to execute all Allied prisoners in the final days of World War II.

Before an audience of 50 people at the Tudor hotel, Army navigator "Hap" Halloran and Marine intelligence officer John Rich recounted their opposite experiences - one as an American prisoner of war, the other as an interrogator of captured Japanese.

Against an aerial photo of his B-29 plane being shot down, Halloran said he was forced to bail out during a 1945 bombing raid over Tokyo. As a prisoner, he was kept in a horse stall, chained to the bars of a zoo cage and singled out for especially harsh treatment because he was an aviator. His captors told him several times he was going to die.

"Only about 3% of us came home," Halloran said softly.

Rich, on the other hand, played a role in the treatment of Japanese prisoners. He spent many hours interrogating them on Iwo Jima. "We treated our POWs very well," he said, noting that some of the former POWs have since become personal friends.

Rich later covered the Japanese war crimes trials for NBC. He argued that the Pacific war was "more personal and dirty" for Americans than the battles in Europe.

The panel attracted widespread media attention. Japan's Nippon TV, which has an audience of 25 million viewers, broadcast excerpts on its evening news June 25. The Associated Press, ABC Nightline and newspapers including Japan's *Asahi Shimbun* also covered the event. And WPIX taped interviews with participants for later broadcast.

Other panelists were OPC members Linda Holmes, an author and historian, and Yutaka Yoshizawa, director of the Japan Information Center at the Japanese Consulate in New York. Club President Bill Holstein served as moderator of the discussion.

In researching her recent book *4000 Bowls of Rice: A Prisoner of War Comes Home*, Holmes found the only written confirmation that all 100,000 remaining Allied POWs were to be executed. But because the atom bomb ended the war abruptly, the orders were thwarted.

At the panel Holmes distributed

copies of the Aug. 1, 1944 execution orders and an Aug. 20, 1945 directive to burn all documents.

Otto Schwarz, an American who served on the *USS Houston* before his capture, was scheduled to speak but was sidetracked at the last minute by emergency knee-replacement surgery.

Holmes said his absence pointed up the fact that "all Pacific POWs forfeited their good health for the rest of their lives" as a result of their treatment by the Japanese.

She noted that the death rate for Pacific POWs was nearly ten times that of those interned in Europe. On display were several photographs showing emaciated POWs.

Yoshizawa distributed excerpts of the 1951 Allied Treaty of Peace with Japan and policy statements made by former Prime Minister Hosokawa and current Prime Minister Murayama. The documents were intended to show Japan's resolve in carrying out war crime sentences against Japanese nationals and to "enable everyone to face squarely the facts of history," he said.

The panelists acknowledged that President Truman's decision to drop the atomic bomb on Japan was not based on the plight of the Allied POWs. But as Truman said in later years, many of the Allied prisoners of war would have been killed had America not dropped the bomb.

Japan Club Faces Tough Times

By Bill Holstein
OPC President

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan, long regarded as one of the best press clubs in the world, has elected a new board which is attempting to guide the organization through tough times caused by the Super-Yen. Because the costs of operating in Tokyo have exploded, many news organizations have cut back their presence by relying on local hires and stringers, instead of full-fledged correspondents.

Leading the new board is James Lagier, a 33-year veteran of the Associated Press. He has spent his career in Hawaii, California, elsewhere in the U.S. and arrived in Japan only recently. Over drinks at the correspondents' table, Jim expressed enthusiasm about deepening the connection between the OPC and the FCCJ. He will be in New York this August and we hope he takes advantage of our facilities at the Tudor.

Other officers are First Vice-President, Neil Martin, *Barron's*; Second Vice-President, Haruko Watanabe, Press Foundation of Asia; Secretary, Bradley Martin, freelance; and Treasurer, Henry Scott-Stokes, *New York Times/Times Fax*.

Directors are Toshio Aritake, Bureau of National Affairs; Pamela Burton, Reuters Financial TV Asia; Shota Ushio, *Toyo Keizai*; Jonathan Annells, *Evening Standard/Business Day*; and ex-officio Gebhard Hielscher, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*.

The Club has 1,700 members but the number of correspondents is dropping and the usage rates of remaining correspondents is also down. That has been made up, to some extent, by wider Japanese personal and corporate usage of this club's outstanding facilities in the Yurakucho Denki Building in central Chiyoda-ku. Some Japanese couples, for example, have chosen to use the prestigious club for their weddings.

But to encourage more members, the Club on July 1 started offering 50% discounts on membership fees. The initiation fee has been ¥70,000, with a chit-signing deposit of ¥40,000, and monthly dues of ¥9,500. That was one thing when the yen was at 250 to the dollar, but now at 34 to the dollar, the costs have tripled in dollar terms.

Meanwhile, while coping with these tough economic pressures, the club continues to put on a fine series of programs and events. The Music Committee scheduled a Midsummer's Night Dream, an evening of music and fine dining on July 10, for example. The Club also planned a Bingo Night on July 14 with the winner receiving two tickets to San Francisco, courtesy of Northwest Airlines.

The really big shew, as Ed Sullivan used to say, will come on December 1 when the club will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Organizers are promising a true extravaganza, so make your plans now.

Hong Kong Already Under Attack

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papers. Even restrictive Singapore is linking up to the Internet, adding cable-TV channels and luring foreign broadcasters to set up regional communications hubs.

Of course, Hong Kong hasn't lost the regional media lead yet. The Internet is flourishing there, and the colony has 22 Chinese-language newspapers as well as three English-language dailies. Outspoken publisher and retailer Jimmy Lai, a critic of China's communist leaders, is about to launch *Apple Daily*, which promises to be a lively new addition.

But at the same time, Beijing is already sending warnings by handing out stiff penalties to Hong Kong journalists who have fallen into their clutches. For example, Xi Yang, a reporter for *Ming Pao*, an independent Hong Kong paper, received a 12-year sentence in 1994 for revealing such supposed "state secrets" as interest-rate changes and international gold transactions. Local journalists also say Beijing officials contact key editors and publishers, either directly or through third parties, when they are displeased with a story. "My biggest fear is that even before 1997,

China imposes its own standards on us," says Ivan Tong, *Ming Pao's* deputy editor-in-chief.

Local reporters shouldn't expect much support from Hong Kong's business tycoons, who have already come to terms with China and don't want to upset its leaders. Many analysts expressed concern when Malaysian-Chinese billionaire Robert Kuok, who has sizable stakes in China, bought the *South China Morning Post* from Rupert Murdoch. Armstrong, however, says Kuok doesn't participate in any way in editorial decisions. Last year, Murdoch, owner of Hong Kong-based Star TV, removed the BBC, which has angered China with its probing reports, from Star's northern broadcast range in an effort to expand his satellite-TV business in China.

But China hasn't squeezed the life out of the Hong Kong press yet. *The Eastern Express*, an English-language daily founded in 1994, is interested in hiring Feign. The cartoonist says he isn't sure if he wants to stay in Hong Kong. But if he does, his strip will serve as a good barometer of press freedoms in these sensitive times.

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Taiwanese Official Draws Big Crowd

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Commenting on the Chinese government's cancellation of several top-level meetings with U.S. officials and its threat to take dramatic steps against the United States if the President Lee's trip occurs, Hu said Beijing was "overreacting."

"We do not seek to be confrontational and we do not want to be hostile," Hu said. His government is looking for "the largest common denominator" with China, which considers Taiwan an errant province whose KMT government is illegitimate. Only 29 governments maintain formal diplomatic relations with Taipei.

Hu said that China clearly was headed for a period of political uncertainty with paramount leader Deng Xiaoping fading from the scene. Nevertheless Taiwan is deepening its engagement with the mainland, after years of avoiding contacts. Taiwan is the largest investor in China, including indirect

investments through Hong Kong, and some 3 million Taiwan residents have visited the mainland, he said.

As a member of the generation of political leaders now taking power in Taiwan, Hu plays a key role in his country's inner councils of decision-making. He was born in 1948 in Kirin Province in northeastern China, but his family fled with retreating KMT troops to Taiwan as the Communists swept to power. After graduating from National Chengchii University in 1970, he earned a master's degree in politics at the University of Southampton in 1978 and then completed a doctoral program on international studies at Oxford University in 1984.

After his remarks, Hu presented the club with an enlarged, framed photograph of Chiang Kai-Shek's son, Chiang Ching-kuo, talking with correspondents on Quemoy-Matsu during the Chinese shelling of 1957.

Hong Kong Repeals Some Laws Affecting Press Freedom

Bowing to legislative pressure, the Hong Kong Government announced last month that it would repeal colonial laws that free-speech advocates worry could be used by China to restrict press and other freedoms after it takes back Hong Kong in 1997.

The Government said it also planned new regulations to safeguard media freedom, which legislators and reporters have sought as another post-1997 protection.

The announcement came as pressure mounted on Gov. Chris Patten, who faces an unprecedented no-confidence vote this month in the Legislature for what critics say is his failure to protect Hong Kong's legal system.

The Government said it would scrap parts of the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, laws dating mostly from 1949, when the Communists took power in China, and from 1967, when pro-Communist riots shook Hong Kong.

While many of the laws have never been used, they give the Government wide-ranging emergency powers of detention and censorship. Under the terms of the Chinese takeover, Hong Kong's laws are to remain in force after 1997.

But the Government decided to retain the Governor's power, subject to legislative approval, to make regulations in an emergency.

The Government also announced it would restrict police powers to search for and seize material from reporters, a proposal that it said demonstrated its determination to protect media freedom.

Daisy Li, vice chairman of the Hong Kong Journalists Association, called the Government's announcement "a move in the right direction," but said it did not go far enough. She said repealing the riot regulations was "cosmetic" because the Governor retains the right to make laws in an emergency.

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When in Paris, Check Out Hotel Scribe

By John Polich

PARIS—Thanks to an OPC hotel discount, my family recently enjoyed an impromptu week here, ogling the Derain show, marveling at the Musée d'Orsay, and eating our way through the bistros.

The plan hatched earlier this year when the *Bulletin* announced a year-round, 50 percent discount from standard rates at the Hotel Scribe. A few days later, TWA advertised a \$199 round-trip fare from JFK to Paris.

My wife, our five-year-old daughter and I spent a week here for about what we would have paid for a single full-fare ticket.

Rather than having to wait until a room was made up, we were shown immediately to just what we had requested—a room on the quiet inner court. As noise-weary New Yorkers, we were happy to trade a view of Boulevard des Capucines for peaceful, uninterrupted sleep, even with the window open.

Our room was relatively large, well-appointed and recently remodeled in the style of a deluxe modern Paris business hotel. No antiques, but a hair drier and well-regulated water temperature in the marble shower.

Reliable message-taking, quiet quarters, and constant water temperature have been my measure of Paris hotels since the *International Herald Tribune* booked me into the Ritz 10 years ago. At that time, new owners were jackhammering day and night in the basement to create a swimming pool, and the boiler intermittently adopted a scalding Gallic disposition. The reception desk discarded all messages. It even turned away friends who had driven from Brussels, telling them we were among the legions who claimed to be in residence at the Ritz but who actually stayed at the Holiday Inn.

The Scribe's \$200-a-night rate does not include the cheerful "bonjour," coffee and croissant of lore. That's an additional 35 francs, which by the time you read this will be about \$100 or half a deutsche mark. But the OPC membership card, required at check-in, eases the sting by delivering a 15 percent discount on food and beverage.

You could find a tourist hotel for



Recently renovated, the hotel is just minutes from the Opera and Café de la Paix.

less, but the Scribe more than compensates with unbeatable Right Bank location and what you'll save on taxis not taken. It's around the corner from the Café de la Paix, the Opera and its metro station, and three or four blocks from the Madeleine, Printemps and Galeries Lafayette. The rest of the city is easily reached by metro or bus, using an economical multi-day pass. The concierge can offer help with directions, recommendations, and reservations.

Most important, you can easily roll your suitcase the one block from the hotel to the "Roissy Bus" stop in front of the American Express office. That bus provides frequent express service to and from De Gaulle Airport at a lower cost than the better-known Air France coach, which serves less convenient locations.

Architect-cum-journalist Richard Saul Wurman, whose Paris Access Guide was our bible, says this about the Scribe:

"Completely renovated behind its Napoleon III facade, this luxurious hotel was the Allied Forces' press headquarters at the end of World War II. Correspondent Jon Dos Passos, who stayed here, wrote home describing Charles de Gaulle after a press conference: 'He has two voices, the Sorbonne voice and the père de famille, Henri

Quatre, bonne soupe kind of voice. There's more to him than we had been led to believe.'"

And there's always more to learn about Paris.

John Polich, an OPC associate board member and media consultant, teaches media management at the Fordham Graduate School of Business at Lincoln Center in New York.

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ACTIVE GOVERNORS

JACQUELINE ALBERT-SIMON

As an OPC alternate board member, and then on the board, I've worked with a diligent and devoted OPC group, moving through a difficult period to reclaim for the Club our international network and actual space for journalists both in the U.S. and abroad. The OPC has become a high priority for all of us. I have been a judge for the yearly awards several times, this year for Class 9, television documentaries on international issues, and worked on other committees as well. We are facing challenging times both professionally and as OPC members. I believe we can confront our problems more productively when we enhance our collegial relations.



My current position as U.S. bureau chief/associate editor at *Politique Internationale* puts me in contact with analysts and political figures internationally, both as a writer and an interviewer. I write for other European periodicals as well, including *La Vie Francaise*, and *Figaro* magazine, and am available to French and Canadian radio/TV for commentary.

A political scientist, Ph.D., 1977, I am presently senior resident scholar at the Institute of French Studies at New York University, and a Fellow of the World Economic Forum. From 1982 to 1993 I was a contributing editor of *Harper's*.

LINDA FASULO

Linda Fasulo is a journalist and author who specializes in the United Nations and U.S. foreign policy. She is the UN producer for NBC News and is also a special correspondent for *U.S. News & World Report*. Since 1990 her news reports have been broadcast on National Public Radio. She has also reported on Monitor Radio and has appeared numerous times as a guest correspondent on the MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour.



Author of *Representing America: Experiences of U.S. Diplomats at the UN*, she is writing a new book about the United Nations since the end of the Cold War.

A graduate of Rutgers College, she also holds an M.A. in public administration from Baruch College and has done graduate work for a masters in international and public affairs at Columbia University.

She is a member of the Authors Guild, UN Correspondents Association, The Dutch Treat Club and Lotos Club.

MARIA FERRIS

My career in broadcasting began in 1986. I created a radio talk show called Common Concerns which was then expanded for cable TV in 1988. To date I have produced and hosted over 130 cable TV programs on mental health and family issues.



Common Concerns airs throughout the state of New Jersey on the Cable Television Network of New Jersey. This show has won 4 CAPE Awards (Cable Award in Programming Excellence).

As a member of the Overseas Press Club since 1989 I am currently an alternate board member. I have been associate editor of the *Bulletin*, judge for the 1991 OPC Awards and am presently an officer for the OPC Foundation. I was a judge for the 1992 and 1994 OPC Foundation scholarships.

I'd like to see the OPC continue to grow and serve as a vehicle of support for its members to stay connected in the industry both here and abroad. The tasks of keeping an organization like this ongoing and current are complex, requiring teamwork and the support of members. If elected to the Board of Governors, I intend to do my best to be part of the process that makes the OPC successful.

BERNARD GAVZER

Investigative reporter Bernard Gavzer became a contributing editor to *Parade* in 1988. He has been a regular contributor to the magazine since 1979, reporting on such topics as airline safety, surviving AIDS and the condition of America's zoos.



Mr. Gavzer was an investigative producer for WNBC-TV from 1973-1987. Prior to that he had a long and distinguished career as a newsfeatures writer for the Associated Press.

As a TV-producer/writer, he received five Emmy nominations and received three Emmys for investigative reports dealing with, among other things, black market baby adoptions; the threat from highly flammable pup tents; and a "laundry" for illegal adoptions in Mexico.

In 1973, Mr. Gavzer was the first recipient of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency's Award for Distinguished Reporting in Criminal Justice. He received the Sigma Delta Chi Award for his reports on drug trafficking among American troops in Vietnam and earned a bronze medallion for distinguished service in foreign correspondence. He has also received the Mike Berger Award from the Columbia School of Journalism for his report on the Harlem riots. Bernie is also a member of the New York Press Club.

EDWARD KLEIN

Edward Klein was editor in chief of *The New York Times Magazine* for eleven years, from 1977 to 1988. During that time, the flagship publication of the Sunday *Times* won a number of awards for its graphic and editorial excellence, including the first Pulitzer Prize in its history.



In 1989, Klein became a contributing editor of *Vanity Fair*. Among his more than two dozen articles are stories on Japan's Crown Prince and Princess, New York's tabloid wars, Sony's problems in Hollywood, and Edgar Bronfman Jr.'s acquisition of MCA.

Klein is also a contributing editor of *Parade*. He has written a number of cover stories for *Parade* on such national figures as Jesse Jackson, Barbara Bush, and former President Ronald Reagan.

Klein began his career in journalism as a copy boy for *The New York Daily News* in 1957 while he was still an undergraduate at Columbia University. In 1961, he earned a master's degree from the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, which awarded him a traveling fellowship to Japan.

He learned to speak Japanese as a foreign correspondent in Asia for United Press International. Upon his return to New York in 1965, Klein joined *Newsweek*. He was made foreign editor of *Newsweek* in 1969 and, in 1976, became assistant managing editor with jurisdiction over foreign and military affairs.

"My interest in foreign affairs goes back more than 30 years to when I first arrived in Asia and worked for UPI," he says. "I have maintained that interest throughout my career. I hold the Overseas Press Club in high esteem for helping our profession uphold high standards in international reporting—a role that is more important in today's interdependent world than ever before."

JOHN R. MACARTHUR

John R. (Rick) MacArthur, president and publisher of *Harper's* magazine, is an award-winning journalist and author. Most recently, he received the 1993 Mencken Award for best editorial/op-ed column and the Illinois ACLU's 1992 Harry Kalven Freedom of Expression Award.



MacArthur initiated the foundation-sponsored rescue of *Harper's* in 1980 and became the magazine's president and publisher in 1983. His campaign to revitalize the publication began with the reinstatement of Lewis H. Lapham as editor. Together they launched the redesigned magazine, which with its radically different format caused a sensation in the industry. Since the publication of the first issue in March 1984, *Harper's* has received numerous awards, most recently the 1995 National Magazine Award for Essays & Criticism.

Before joining *Harper's*, MacArthur was an assistant foreign editor at United Press International (1982) and a reporter on the *Chicago Sun-Times* (1979-1982), *Bergen Record* (1978-1979), *Washington Star* (1978), and *The Wall Street Journal* (1977). He continues to write for newspapers and magazines, including *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Observer*, *New York Newsday*, *Toronto Globe and Mail*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Progressive*, and *American Journalism Review*. MacArthur's 1992 book *Second Front: Censorship and Propaganda in the Gulf War* was a finalist for a 1993 Mencken Award for books.

MacArthur graduated in 1978 from Columbia College with a B.A. in history. He is a fellow at the New York Institute for the Humanities and is on the board of directors of the Authors Guild, the Committee to Protect Journalists, and the Overseas Press Club.

HENRY MULLER

Henry Muller became editorial director of Time, Inc. in 1993. Editorial director is the second highest editorial management position in the company. Prior to being named to this post, he was managing editor of Time magazine.

As editorial director, Muller shares with Time Warner Inc.'s editor in chief, Norman Pearlstine, the large editorial responsibilities for the company's major magazines, including Time, Fortune, Life, Sports Illustrated, and People.

Muller first came to Time Inc. as an intern for Life in New York in the summer of 1967 and as a stringer at Stanford University in 1967-68.

Following a stint as a secondary school teacher in the U.S. Peace Corps in Ethiopia, he rejoined Time Inc. in 1970. The following year, he began his career with Time magazine as a correspondent in the Ottawa bureau. He was named bureau chief in Vancouver later that year, and in 1973 moved to Brussels as European economic correspondent. In 1977, Muller became bureau chief in Paris. He returned to New York in 1981 as an associate editor. In 1982, he was named senior editor, with principal responsibility for the World section. He was appointed assistant managing editor and chief of correspondents in January 1986. He became managing editor of Time in April 1987.

During almost six years in that position, Muller oversaw the magazine's coverage of such historic events as the collapse of communism, the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the Gulf War. He named Endangered Earth as Planet of the Year in 1989, winning Sierra Club's David Brower Award for environmental journalism, and in 1991 produced investigative reports on BCCI and Scientology that won the Gerald Loeb Award for Distinguished Financial and Business Journalism.

Muller, who is fluent in French and German, is a member of the board of trustees of Stanford University and of the Carnegie Corporation. He retains a strong interest in foreign affairs and especially in the American media's responsibility to cover the world beyond our border.



ANDREW M. NIBLEY

Andrew M. Nibley became editor and executive vice president of Reuters NewMedia Inc. in January 1994. He deputizes for the president of the company and is responsible for sales and marketing to the online publishing industry, business television, editorial content and products for the advertising and education industries. The Reuter subsidiary was created for the company.

Before coming to Reuters NewMedia, Nibley worked for Reuters America Inc. He was named editor for that company in January 1989. He was given the additional title of senior vice president, news and television in July, 1993.

Prior to his coming to New York, Nibley was news editor, Europe, based in London. He has also served news editor, North America; news editor, Washington and editor-in-charge of economics in Washington since joining Reuters in 1980.

Prior to his coming to Reuters, Nibley was employed at UPI as U.S. Treasury correspondent, bureau chief, New Hampshire and statehouse correspondent in Connecticut. He also worked parttime as a sports writer at the Washington Star.



He serves on the board of directors of Reuters NewMedia Inc., Reality Online Inc. in Genius Inc. and the New Jersey Center for Family Studies. He is also on the board of advisors, Graduate School of Journalism, University of California, Berkeley, and on the Knight-Bagehot Editorial Board at Columbia University.

Nibley won a service award from the National Press Club in Washington while serving as co-chairman for the membership relations committee.

He has lectured at Harvard, Vanderbilt, Stanford, American University, and the Universities of Connecticut and Vermont, and has appeared on various television news shows, including "The Nightly Business Report, WCBS and the BBC.

STANLEY REED

Stanley Reed is in charge of Business Week's foreign affairs column, International Outlook. He also edits and writes stories on a wide range of international business and political topics. Though based in New York, he still tries to travel as much as possible. He made reporting trips to Iraq before the Gulf War and to Kuwait afterward. More recently, he reported on the Israeli-PLO accord in 1993 as well as the Islamic insurgency in Egypt. For the last few months, he has been concentrating on the Mexican financial crisis.

A Middle East specialist, he was based in Cairo from 1976-80. He has written on the region for Foreign Affairs, The New York Times, and The Nation as well as Business Week. Before joining Business Week in 1989, he was a Knight-Bagehot fellow in economic journalism at Columbia University.

Reed has already taken an active role in OPC affairs, serving as a judge for the OPC prizes and helping organize a panel discussion on Islamic fundamentalism. He plans to work to maintain the Club as an important advocate of overseas news coverage. He also hopes to strengthen the Club's role as a forum for discussion of international issues, including the Middle East.



ROY ROWAN

Spent more than 35 years with Time Inc., first as Life bureau chief in Shanghai (covering the civil war in China), Hong Kong, Rome, Tokyo (covering the Korean War), Bonn and Chicago, then for eight years as the assistant managing editor of the magazine. Left Time Inc. in 1970 to find Seascope Publications (On the Sound and On the Shore magazines). Returned to Time as Hong Kong bureau chief in 1972, responsible for coverage of China, Southeast Asia (including Vietnam and Cambodia).

Evacuated Saigon in 1975 on one of the last helicopters. Joined Fortune, Life, Time and other magazines. In 1990 spent two weeks living on the streets of New York City as a homeless man for an article in People.

Published two books: The Four Days of Mayaguez, about the capture of an American cargo ship by Cambodia, and The Intuitive Manager, which has just been reissued as a mass-market paperback by Berkeley. Am presently writing a book for Carroll & Graf to be published in the Spring of 1996. Was previously a member of the OPC board, and a vice president of the club.

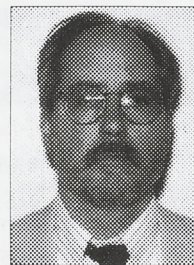


MICHAEL SERRILL

Michael Serrill is a senior writer at Time magazine. Employed by that publication for 12 years, he has written about foreign affairs for the last nine, specializing in Latin America, the Middle East and sub-Saharan Africa. He also writes occasionally about international legal issues, having started his career at Time as the writer-editor of the Law section.

Prior to his arrival at Time, Serrill spent a decade as a reporter and editor for two non-profit publications concerned with the U.S. and international criminal justice system.

Serrill has a master's degree from Columbia University's School of Journalism and an undergraduate certificate from Pennsylvania State University. He has been a judge in the OPC Annual Awards for four years and for the last two years has been co-chair of the Awards Committee with Allan Dodds Frank.



ROBERT SULLIVAN

Robert E. Sullivan graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in 1964. He worked with the Long Island Star Journal and The World Telegram & Sun. After U.S. Navy reserve service he joined UPI in New York, working street beats and all desks, including the international and cable desks. He went to Vietnam for a year and a half covering the war there, and was acting bureau chief in Phnom Penh. He was a Ford Foundation Fellow at Columbia University's Advanced International Reporting program in 1971/72 and was sent to Argentina by UPI to cover that country and act as roaming "firefighter" in the region. He was news director for Brazil for three years and moved to Ireland to write books and freelance. In 1984 he returned to the United States as news coordinator for UPITN-The Americas, for Worldwide Television News.



ASSOCIATE JOHN POLICH

John Polich is a member of the faculty of the Fordham University Graduate School of Business at Lincoln Center and provides consulting and research for the communications industries. He has been editor of the OPC Bulletin, a judge of the OPC Annual Awards and an associate governor.

Polich was a reporter for 10 years at the Detroit Free Press, San Antonio Express, Arizona Republic, and Channel 12 in Phoenix. He was also a New York Times marketing executive for seven years and later was president of Simmons-Scarborough, the national newspaper ratings service. He was associate director for research and technology studies of the Gannett media think tank at Columbia University, and president of Market Opinion Research in New York.

Polich writes frequently on the media business. His articles have appeared in The New York Times, Editor & Publisher, Newsday and The Asia Foundation.

Clients include CBS, Comsat, Detroit Free Press, Granta, New York Daily News, KRON-TV in San Francisco, The New York Review of Books, the University of Missouri School of Journalism and WCBS-TV and Radio.



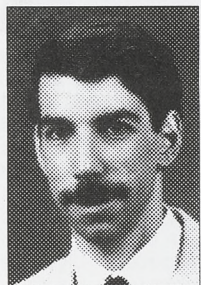
PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

BEIJING: Andrea Koppel, daughter of ABC Nightline anchor **Ted Koppel**, became CNN's new Beijing bureau chief in June, transferring from Tokyo. Proficient in Mandarin, Andrea has been a longtime student of China, and she lived in Beijing in the mid-1980s. She replaced



Andrea Koppel

Mike Chinoy, who is taking a one-year leave of absence to write a book and teach as a visiting professor at Smith College in Northampton, Mass. Chinoy opened CNN's Beijing bureau in 1987. Koppel joined CNN in 1993. Earlier she was a reporter at WPLG-TV in Miami, where she won a NATAS Emmy for her series "Haiti After the Coup." In



Mike Chinoy

Tokyo, Koppel was replaced by **Mary Lee**, who joined CNN in January from NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation). She also anchored daily business reports from Tokyo for ABC's World News Now.

CHICAGO: *Time* magazine has transferred **James L. Graff** to Chicago after three years of dangerous assignments in Bosnia. He is replaced by **Massimo Calabresi**, the magazine's chief Central European correspondent.

ITHACA, NY: With his reporting background in China and Taiwan, **Dan Southerland** of *The Washington Post* caught what many reporters missed when President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan spoke at Cornell University June 9.

Lee, the first leader of nationalist China ever to visit the United States, told an audience of nearly 5,000 people: "I would not even rule out the possibility of a meeting between Mr. Jiang Zemin [president of the People's Republic of China] and myself."

Jason Hu, Lee's senior spokesman (see p. 1) confirmed to Southerland that

this was the first time Lee had stated publicly he might meet Jiang. Other Taipei officials have said such a meeting might be possible, but the Cornell speech was Lee's first suggestion of a Taipei-Beijing summit.

A review of dispatches filed from Cornell and chats with other reporters disclosed that not only American but some Chinese reporters missed what Southerland caught.

Before joining *The Washington Post*, Southerland was based in Tokyo with UPI and in Hong Kong with *The Christian Science Monitor*, covering the Vietnam War and Southeast Asia. He reported from Beijing and Taipei for *The Post* before his current assignment in Washington.

LJUBLJANA: **Mitja Mersol**, who was New York-based correspondent for Slovenia's *Delo* newspaper, has returned to Slovenia to become editor of the newspaper, which has been privatized. As President of the Foreign Press Association in New York, Mersol was a frequent speaker and panelist for the OPC on the subject of the former Yugoslavia's descent into conflict.

LONDON: After eight years covering Italy, the Vatican and the Mediterranean for *The Los Angeles Times*, OPC member **Bill Montalbano** this spring became the newspaper's London bureau chief.



Bill Montalbano

Geraldine Sharpe-Newton was promoted in May to senior vice president in Turner Broadcasting System's international public relations department in London. She oversees the company's public relations offices that serve Europe, Africa, the Middle East, the Indian subcontinent and the Asia Pacific region. Earlier she worked in public relations for World Wide Fund for Nature and ITN in London, CBS News in New York, Simon & Schuster, Niki Singer PR agency, Burson-Marsteller

PR agency and KDKA-TV in Pittsburgh.

MILAN: **Maureen Kline** has replaced **Lisa L. Bannon** as the Milan correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal Europe*. Kline was a news assistant in the bureau for the past two years. Bannon has moved to Los Angeles to become an entertainment industry reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*.

NEW YORK: **Christopher Wren**, a veteran of almost 20 years worth of assignments in Cairo, Moscow, Beijing, and South Africa for *The New York Times*, has left his position in the newspaper's business-financial section to return to the foreign desk. His byline has started popping up from the United Nations. **Len Apcar** succeeds Wren on the business desk.

Karsten Prager, formerly managing editor of *Time International*, has been eased into a new position, editor at large. His former deputy, **José M. Ferrer III**, assumes responsibilities for *Time International* and becomes executive editor. Ferrer also takes responsibility for the U.S. magazine's international coverage.

Joseph Peyronnin, until recently the number two person at CBS News, has been named president of Fox's news operation. In his new position, Peyronnin will develop and oversee news programming and news gathering for the Murdoch network. He will try to make Fox News a major player by expanding the network's recently launched joint venture with Reuters.

Edwin A. Finn Jr., managing editor of *Barron's*, was named editor of the weekly financial newspaper, published by Dow Jones. Finn succeeds **James P. Meagher**, *Barron's* editor since March 1993, who becomes executive editor of the Dow Jones Magazine Group, a new position.

OPC member **Dan Rather** has re-emerged as solo anchor of the "CBS Evening News" after co-anchor **Connie Chung** was removed. Television critics blasted her coverage of the Oklahoma City bombing. Even viewers called the network demanding to know why veter-

an news hound Rather wasn't covering the major breaking story.

William Morrow in June published 73 World War II dispatches in a book edited by the late **Jack Stenbuck**, a Hearst newspaperman and magazine writer. Titled *Typewriter Battalion: Dramatic Frontline Dispatches from World War II*, the book includes news reports filed by **George Weller** of the *Chicago Daily News*, **Walter Cronkite** of United Press, **Richard Tregaskis** of International News Service, **Bob Considine** of *Cosmopolitan*, **Ernie Pyle** of Scripps-Howard, **William Randolph Hearst, Jr.** of the *New York Journal-American*, **Homer Bigert** of the *New York Herald Tribune*, **Drew Middleton** of *The New York Times* and many others.

NAIROBI: Victoria Graham, chief of the Associated Press bureau at the United Nations and a former Beijing bureau chief, has resigned to join UNICEF in Nairobi.

NORTHRIDGE, CA: Michael Emery, a former UPI correspondent who covered the Middle East and Central America, has written a new book titled *On the Front Lines: Following America's Foreign Correspondents Across the Twentieth Century*, due out in August (American University Press, 1995). Emery now teaches journalism at California State University at Northridge and is co-author of *The Press in America* (Prentice-Hall, 1992).

SEOUL: CNN has appointed **Sohn Jie-Ae** as its correspondent and bureau chief in Seoul. Since 1994, she had been the network's part-time Korea correspondent. For the past three years, she filed from Seoul for *The New York Times*. CNN also named **Soo-byung Yoon** as its senior advisor in Korea. He formerly was ABC's Seoul bureau chief.

SINGAPORE: *The Wall Street Journal* has transferred veteran Asian hand **Jeremy Marks** from Taipei to Singapore.

TOKYO: Peter McKillop has left *Newsweek* after 14 years to become a communications specialist with Dentsu Burson Marsteller, a public relations firm in Tokyo.

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Forbes' Tokyo bureau chief **Gale Eisenstadt** is returning to the U.S. for reassignment later this summer. She will be replaced by staff writer **Neil Weinberg**, who now edits the Follow-Through section.

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Still in business, UPI made two managerial assignments in Asia this spring. **Glenn Davis**, former editor of the *ACCJ Journal*, published by the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan, was appointed Tokyo bureau manager. He replaced **Mike DiCicco**, who returned to his earlier post in Manila to direct UPI's coverage of Southeast Asia.

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John Rich, a former NBC bureau chief in Tokyo who now lives in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, was a Marine Corps lieutenant in the Iwo Jima battle of 1945 (see p. 3). During the 30 years he spent in Japan as a correspondent after the war, Rich met several Japanese who also fought on Iwo Jima. On a recent visit to Tokyo, John and his



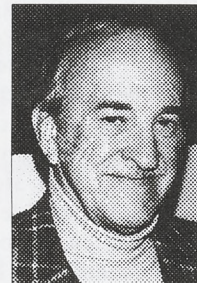
John Rich

wife D. Lee had a reunion with one of those Japanese, former Naval Lt. **Toshihiko Ohno**. "Fifty years ago had we met, Ohno and I would have tried to kill each other," Rich wrote in the April issue of *No. 1 Shimbun*, published by the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan. "[But now] Iwo Jima and its horrors are a memory from the past. We didn't speak much about Iwo during our get-together. We talked about our families and our plans for the future."

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Don Kirk, former Asia correspondent for *The Chicago Tribune* and *USA Today*, admits that it's not easy to write a book on South Korea's business groups, even after 20 years of reporting from that country. His new book, *Korean Dynasty: Hyundai and Chung Ju Yung* [Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, and Hong Kong: Asia 2,000], tells how South Korea has become a major player in world markets, using the Hyundai group and its founder, Chung Ju Yung, as an example. "I thought I could do this book in about six months," Kirk told Japan's Kyodo News Service. "[But] it's very difficult to go beyond and beneath

the surface of Korean organizations."

VIENNA, VA: The May anniversary of V-E Day inspired reminiscences from two United Press war correspondents. In an interview with *The Alexandria Journal*, **Boyd D. Lewis**, 90, described the German surrender in a schoolhouse at Rhiems, France: "When [German General Alfred] Jodl walked in, he was very much a beaten man. His face was red and traces of veins could be seen in his eyes. His eyes were very bloodshot. And despite all that, he was still arrogant enough to sign the [surrender] with one name, Jodl, and that was it." ...In Peachtree City, Georgia, **Joseph W. Grigg**, 85, former chief European correspondent for UPI, reported that he may be the only surviving reporter who saw Germans surrender both to the Americans and to the Russians.



Boyd D. Lewis

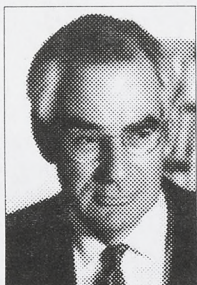
WASHINGTON: Commemorating the end of the Vietnam War 20 years ago, **Kevin Delany**, a former Saigon bureau chief for ABC News, held a reunion of Vietnam hands in his Georgetown residence April 29. About half of the 70 guests who attended were Vietnamese who had worked for ABC in Saigon or members of their families. Delany said that ABC helped about 15 Vietnamese staffers and family members, some 56 people in all, escape from Saigon two days before communist troops arrived. ABC gave all the staffers jobs in the U.S. and some still are working for the network. Two former ABC News presidents attended, **Bill Sheehan** and **Elmer Lower**, along with former Saigon correspondents **Sam Donaldson**, **Barrie Dunsmore**, **Roger Peterson**, **Don North**, **Irv Chapman**, **Steve Bell**, **George Watson**, **Bill Brannigan**, **Dick Richter**, **Ron Miller** and **Barry Fox**. Delany now runs a company that trains people for television. He is the uncle of Dana Delany, who starred as a nurse in the ABC Vietnam drama "China Beach."

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In a full-page article that ran in *The Washington Post* May 14, **David Halberstam** shared his views on the
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quality of news reporting from Saigon and Washington during the mid-1960s. Among other things, Halberstam, who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1964 for his *New York Times* dispatches from Vietnam, commented on his own coverage: "That I and my colleagues, such as [UPI's] Neil Sheehan, did not have any accurate sense of the terrible size of the commitment was not surprising since the architects themselves had no idea of the degree to which they would lose control over events and be sucked in.... I wish my sophistication about the larger geopolitical implications of our policy in those days was as good as my reporting. It wasn't and I'll live with my shortcomings."



David Halberstam

CBS News announced several executive appointments effective July 5. Washington vice president and bureau chief **Barbara Cochran** was named executive producer, political coverage, responsible for covering politics into the 1996 campaigns and presidential election. **Al Ortiz**, CBS London bureau chief, will replace Cochran. **Marcy McGinniss** becomes vice president, Europe, and London bureau chief, replacing Ortiz.

On June 14, **Doris Rich**, who filed for Reuters, AFP, NBC, NANA and Radio Liberty during many years in Southeast Asia, signed copies of her latest book, *Queen Bess: Daredevil Aviator* (Washington: Smithsonian Press), in Washington's Reprint Book Shop. With her was husband **Stan Rich** ("I'm her agent"), a former UP, AP, McGraw-Hill and ABC correspondent in Asia. The book is a biography of Bessie Coleman (1892-1926), America's first black woman aviator



Doris Rich

who learned to fly in France because no flight school in the United States would accept a woman of color.

OPC member **Wes Pedersen** has received the Apex '95 Grand Award from *Communications Manager*, first- and second-place prizes for feature writing from *Editor's Forum*, and a Thoth Award statue from the National Capital Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. He's director of communications and public relations for the Public Affairs Council in Washington, DC.

DECEASED: Dallas S. Townsend Jr., who wrote and anchored the morning CBS radio news roundup for 25 years, died in Montclair, N.J. at age 76, from complications resulting from a fall. Townsend had reported on the Japanese peace conference of 1951 and the start of the Vietnam peace talks in Paris in 1968. Altogether, he spent 44 years with CBS.

Jean Marin, who headed Agence France-Presse for 21 years and who worked closely with Gen. Charles de Gaulle during World War II, died in Paris at age 86. He was director of the news agency from 1954 until 1975. During World War II, he was prominent in the French Resistance and broadcasted from London to the French underground via the BBC.

Martin Gansberg, 74, a former news editor of the international edition of *The New York Times* in Paris, died in a Passaic, N.J., hospital on May 2 of complications from diabetes. Gansberg spent 43 at the *Times* as a reporter and editor, joining the newspaper in 1942 as a night office boy. From 1960 to 1967, he worked for the *Times* in Paris, returning to New York when the paper closed its Paris edition and became a partner in the *International Herald Tribune*.

Naomi Nover, a colorful Washington correspondent who accompanied Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush on trips abroad, died in a Washington, D.C., hospital on April 22 after surgery for an aneurysm. She was 84 and had worked in Washington since the 1930s with her late husband, newsman **Barnet Nover**. In an article pub-

lished in *The Washington Post*, reporter Lloyd Grove recalled that Nover beat a *Los Angeles Times* photographer over the head with her umbrella when he blocked her view of President Reagan and Mother Teresa. "Her demeanor veered suddenly from demure to lethal," Grove wrote, "and people still marvel at the time she loudly prayed to God that He strike dead her desk mate in the Senate press gallery."

Michael Ugo Stille, a New York correspondent for the Italian newspaper *Corriere della Sera* for 40 years, died of heart failure at age 75. He was born Mikhail Kamenetski in Moscow in 1919 but his family moved to Italy in 1921 and he attended the University of Rome. He emigrated to the U.S. around 1940 and joined the U.S. Army, which sent him back to Italy to oversee several radio stations during the Allied occupation. He returned to the U.S. in 1946 and began writing for *Corriere della Sera*.

Henry Wight Bagley, an OPC member in the 1950s, died June 9 at New York Hospital. He was 85. A graduate of Rutgers University, Bagley joined the AP's Latin American desk in New York in 1935. Three years later, he took over the Rio bureau, beginning a 22-year stint in that country. In 1943, he traveled to London as a war correspondent and later covered the troops of the Brazilian Expeditionary Force in Italy for AP. After the war he returned to Brazil to set up the an office for McGraw-Hill Publications. Later, he worked 20 years as an escort/interpreter for the U.S. State Department in Brazil.

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FILMMAKER'S QUERY

For a PBS documentary film on the Polish war correspondent and author Ryszard Kapuscinski, the New York Center for Visual History would like to hear from any correspondents who knew him in Africa, Asia or Latin America. Please contact Paul Mendelsohn or Gabrielle Pfeiffer at the Center, 625 Broadway, 12th floor, New York, NY 10012. Tel: (212) 777-6900, fax: (212) 979-8786.

LETTERS

Awards Dinner and Dateline—Best Ever

Dear OPC:

The banquet this year was the best ever. *Dateline* ditto.

You really did a spectacular job organizing and carrying off this event.

Roy Rowan
Byram Dock Street
Greenwich, CT 06830

Dear OPC:

I wanted to commend all involved in *Dateline* '95. It was spectacularly well designed, visually the best I can remember. The content was also super. All who contributed were masterful.

George Burns
789 West End Avenue
New York, NY 10025

Dear OPC:

I was very sorry to miss the dinner. As you know, I was most honored to receive the prize. It has been a grueling year, during which I have seen too little of my family, but this was recompense indeed.

I have just returned to Paris after covering the Croatian spring offensive in western Slavonia. The situation in the Balkans continues to fester and there is no cause for any optimism. I think a lot about the suffering of people there: the frivolity of Parisian prosperity is troubl-

ing to a man just back from Sarajevo.

Waiting for me here was the *Dateline* magazine. It looks splendid. Thanks for all your support and for giving me the opportunity to write for it.

Roger Cohen
24, Rue de Verneuil
Paris VII, France

Dear OPC:

Thank you for the thoughtful note about my father (May issue).

The OPC will be a wonderful asset to me here and wherever I end up in the future. I am grateful Dad joined me up. If there is anything I can do for the OPC in Buenos Aires or Latin America, please let me know.

I thought *Dateline* was excellent: Interesting, readable, impressively laid out.

Again, thank you for thinking of me at this difficult time.

Biddle Duke
Arenales 896 #3
Buenos Aires 1061 Argentina

Dear OPC:

As a first-time participant in the OPC Annual Awards shindig, I didn't feel particularly handicapped by the lack of a bow tie after all. During a smoke break, Guy Cooper of *Newsweek* restored my faith in the traditional look—a suit and tie. His words of encouragement reassured: "Oh, we might do away with the black tie required dictum for our annual photographer jamboree."

The mandatory penguin look, I had

decided, was for other guilds, not journalists. Well informed, well read and high strung, a journalist is apt to cut across many disciplines—law, economics, history, sciences. He must also pick up a whisper above the surrounding din from across a room filled with the camaraderie of an imbibing fraternity. A good drink and a good story are the central ethos of this breed. Sartorial accoutrements are best left to the effete and sybarites.

But the punch-packed miscellany of the OPC Awards Night was a thumping success that fittingly earned the OPC team the kudos it deserves.

Ravi Kotru
1412 Broadway, Suite 1968
New York, NY 11048

Book Launch Successful

Dear OPC:

The press conference held on April 10 was an extraordinary success. I'm not sure whether life at Yale University Press will ever get back to "normal." Front-page stories in five important newspapers, numerous regional and local stories, editorials and opinion pieces, an excerpt in the *L.A. Times*, inquiries from all the major commercial television stations, NPR and PBS appearances and stories, call-in programs, book signings, international coverage, potential television documentary spinoffs. All of this by way of thanking you again for agreeing to host the press conference which enabled us to present our series and the first two books in the best light possible.

Jonathan Brent, Executive Editor
Yale University Press
New Haven, CT

Dear OPC:

Thank you so much for your help in launching Yale University Press's *Annals of Communism* series. As a result of the press conference on April 10, the coverage about these important books has been outstanding. Jeany Wolf and I—and I also speak for everyone at the Yale University Press—appreciate the support of the OPC and your help in allowing us access to such a beautiful conference setting.

Gail Rentsch
Rentsch Associates, Inc.
New York, NY

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James A. Scott, an associate club member and bookshop owner in Southern Pines, Iowa, died May 18 at Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst. He was 70. During his long career in news reporting and public relations, Scott worked for *The Mankato Free Press* in Minnesota, *The Washington Times Herald*, The American Red Cross, the U.S. Information Agency, and the American Can Company. He also ran his own PR firm in New York for several years.

NEW MEMBERS:

Eric Weiner, South Asia correspondent for National Public Radio, based in

New Delhi (active overseas).

Onnic Marashian, editor-in-chief of Platt's Oilgram News, a McGraw-Hill publication in New York (active resident).

Michael B. Silver, producer for NBC News in New York (active resident).

John M. Langone, author and freelance journalist based in Rowayton, CT (active nonresident).

Simon Marks, correspondent for Feature Story Productions in Washington, DC (active nonresident).

Michael Moynihan, author based in Washington, DC (active nonresident).

H.E. Friederich von Carp, graduate student at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, in Medford, MA (junior member).

H.L. Stevenson Remembered Fondly at Memorial Service

More than 100 friends and colleagues of H.L. Stevenson turned out for his memorial service June 8, recalling the former UPI editor's exacting standards, boundless energy and driving leadership.

The service, held on the 50th floor of the McGraw-Hill building in New York, attracted top journalists from most of the major U.S. news organizations.

Arch competitor Lou Boccardi, president of the Associated Press, recalled how he and Stevenson had become friendly in the 1970s and 1980s, serving as judges for Scripps-Howard's annual journalism contests. Every year, they would meet in New York and talk about the profession when the judging was done.

"In journalism as in some other blood sports, you learn a lot about people by virtue of competing with them," Boccardi said. "In later years I also learned a lot about him as a friend. I will remember him."

Larry Smith, managing editor of *Parade* magazine and a past OPC president, said what set Stevenson apart was his demanding standards.

"H.L. Stevenson stood for something," said Smith. "He believed in a way of doing things that we all honor and respect. While he could certainly be a bear at times, he was a man of wonderful charm who cared about you, and you knew it."

Bill Small, a former president of UPI

and NBC News now at Fordham, said that very little on the UPI wire escaped Stevenson's eye.

"The business really misses the skill of people like H.L. Stevenson," Small said. "But if there is a heavenly Internet up there, St. Peter is finding that some of his copy is being edited. And he's saying, 'Sorry, H.L. I'll get it right next time'."

Stevenson's daughter, Jennifer Stevenson, a reporter at *The St. Petersburg Times*, told the audience that she had graduated from two schools of journalism: the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications and the H.L.

Stevenson School of "Get It Right Dammit, Or Else."

"Perhaps many of you are graduates of that school," she told the audience of mostly veteran UPI newsmen. "It was a rigorous school, a tough school. But a fair school."

Others speakers included former Unipressers Elmer Lower, famed broadcast commentator; Paul Varian, a senior news producer at CNN in Atlanta; OPC Vice Presidents Norman Schorr and John Corporon; Dick Oliver of Channel 5 News and WABC-Radio; and Andrew Nibley, executive vice president of New Media for Reuters.

The service, organized by OPC board member Midge Longley, was sponsored by the Overseas Press Club, the OPC Foundation, The Correspondents Fund and The Downhold Club.



From left: Former UPI and NBC News President Bill Small, UPI desk editor Bill Reilly and talk show host Dick Oliver were among those in attendance.

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